UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice LP-1668**

For: State and County Offices

Accepting and Approving FAXed LDP Applications

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1 Overview

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Background

Notices LP-1656 and LP-1662 were issued to revise policy for FAXed LDP applications. On October 9, 1998, a memorandum was sent to all State Offices to address concerns about FAXed LDP applications.

Over the holiday weekend, October 10 through 12, 1998, County Offices received a large volume of FAXed LDP applications. In some cases, transmission difficulties occurred or FAX machines did not function properly.

Notice LP-1666 was issued on October 14, 1998, to address the LDP rate applicable to FAXed LDP applications.

B Purpose

This notice advises State and County Offices of additional policies for accepting and approving FAXed LDP applications.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 1999	State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

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2 Accepting FAXed LDP Applications

A Acceptable FAXed LDP Applications

LDP applications must be completed in full by the producer on CCC-666 LDP or CCC-709, as applicable, for the application to be accepted and approved in the County Office.

Required entries on:

- CCC-666 LDP are:
 - crop year
 - commodity
 - location of stored commodity
 - quantity requested
 - producer signature and date of request
- CCC-709 are:
 - crop year
 - commodity
 - production unit statements, as applicable
 - producer signature and date of request.

FAXed LDP applications submitted on any form other than CCC-666 LDP or CCC-709, are not acceptable and shall not be approved, even if the information is transferred to CCC-666 LDP or CCC-709 by the County Office.

B County Office Action

County Offices shall:

- **not** approve any FAXed LDP application that is received and not completed correctly by the producer
- notify the producer that the application:
 - is not complete
 - cannot be approved
 - must be resubmitted.

Producers who must resubmit an LDP application will receive the LDP rate in effect on the date the LDP application, completed correctly, is received and approved.

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3 Approving FAXed LDP Applications

A County Office Action

County Offices shall approve correctly completed FAXed LDP applications as soon as possible after receipt of the application, providing all eligibility requirements have been met.

If a producer inquires about a FAXed LDP application and the application was not received in the County Office, County Offices shall:

 require producers to submit documentation to verify that the application was FAXed

Note: This verification must be a copy of the FAX transmission report or some type of documentation to verify that the FAX transmission was attempted.

- accept producer's completed LDP application
- document the date that the LDP application was FAXed and the reason the FAX was not received
- approve, with COC concurrence, the LDP application
- use the LDP rate in effect on the date printed by the FAX machine on the original LDP application
- **not** accept or approve producer's LDP application if the actual date of the FAX cannot be verified by the producer.

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